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FULL REPORT

OF THE

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL VESTRY MEETING

OF THE

Congregation of Christ Church Cathedral,

HELD ON THE 6TH DECEMBER, 1869.

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

VESTRY MEETING.

A Vestry Meeting of Christ Church Cathedral was held in the Cathedral School Room, on Monday, 6th December, 1869, at 3 P. M. The following gentlemen were present :

John Swanston,	E. E. Shelton,	John Maculloch,
Thomas Simpson,	A. Handyside,	Robert Evans,
George Moffatt,	John Ogilvie,	J. J. Browne,
T. B. Anderson,	W. Norris,	T. Harnett,
D. L. MacDougall,	J. Campbell,	J. Blakney,
Thomas Davidson,	W. Wonham,	T. S. Brown,
Col. Martindale,	H. Shorey,	George Smith.
Wm. Adams,	A. Molson,	F. J. Tate,
Fred. Mackenzie,	John Lane,	J. N. Hall,
W. B. Lambe,	R. Eaton,	Francis Cundill,
George Barnston,	J. F. Kidner,	C. Nicholls,
Thomas Mussen,	Thomas Ogilvy,	T. K. Ramsay, Q.C.
S. Bethune, Q.C.	John G. Dinning,	T. Phillips,
F. Maculloch,	Bolton Empey,	I. J. Gibb,
James Gordon,	C. H. Tuggey,	John Lowe,
John S. Honey,	R. T. Routh,	F. H. Simms,
George Shaw,	Wm. Middleton,	J. Kerry,
Hon. L. S. Huntington,	T. Tooke,	D. R. McCord,
Geo. Macrae,	J. W. Tuggey,	M. H. Sanborn,
M. H. Gault,	J. D. Adams,	John T. Dawson,
Wm. Macrae,	T. Craig,	T. Morland,
Henry Thomas,	B. Tooke,	A. McK. Cowie,
John Whyte,	A. Joyce,	A. Henderson,
Charles Geddes,	A. R. Bethune,	Reuben Taylor,
John Lovell,	W. Evans,	G. W. Simpson,
D. Ross Wood,	Thomas Howard,	S. E. Dawson,
F. Penn,	Duncan Robertson,	J. C. Baker,
A. Gough,	J. M. Jones,	John Tempest.
	D. J. Bannatyne.	

Mr. THOMAS SIMPSON, Church Warden, announced that the Dean was unable to attend, and it therefore devolved on the meeting to elect a Chairman.

Mr. GEO. BARNSTON moved, seconded by Capt T. HOWARD, that Col. Smith take the chair.

Objection was taken to this motion on the ground that in the absence of the Dean one of the Church Wardens should preside.

Mr. SIMPSON explained that the Act gave the right to the meeting to elect a Chairman in the absence of the Dean.

Mr. T. K. RAMSAY, in support of the objection, proceeded to read the Act, which was to the effect that the Dean should preside, but in his absence such one of the Church Wardens as shall be present; if both Church Wardens be present then the meeting shall elect a Chairman from among themselves.

Cheers and laughter followed the reading of this clause, it being evident that instead of supporting the amendment it told directly against it. No further objection being raised, Col. Smith was declared elected to the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN, on taking his seat, read the notice calling the meeting, and then called upon Mr. Simpson to read a letter the Church Wardens had received from the Dean, which would explain the object of the meeting better than anything he could say.

Mr. SIMPSON then read the following letter from the Dean :

MONTREAL, 6th December, 1869.

To the Members of the Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral,

DEAR BRETHREN,—In consequence of the involved condition of our finances the Church Wardens and I deemed it proper to convene the Select Vestry. That body accordingly met, a short time since, and appointed a Committee to enquire into and report on the subject. The Committee, after a very careful and mature examination, reported as follows :

MONTREAL, 20th November, 1869.

To the Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal, and the Select Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal.

VERY REV. SIR AND GENTLEMEN,—Your Committee, appointed to consider the present financial position of the Christ

Church Cathedral, report as follows, they having considered the subject in the order hereafter stated :—

Firstly, The liabilities on the 1st November, 1869.

Secondly, The current revenue and expenditure, 1869-70.

Thirdly, The causes of the present embarrassment.

Fourthly, The proposed remedies.

1st. LIABILITIES:

Liabilities stated in the Church Wardens' accounts (Schedule	
A) Ascertained.....	\$ 8,667
Estimated deficiency in the Building fund (see appendix A)	
(Schedule B).....	3,157
Estimated cost of defending the suit of Wardle <i>vs.</i> Rector and	
Church Wardens of Christ Church Cathedral (Schedule C)	1,500
Necessary repairs to building (Schedule D)	540
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	\$13,864
Deduct assets, cash on hand	\$ 516
Arrears of Pew rent.....	1,793
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	\$2,309
Less allow for bad debts.....	200
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	2,109
Deficiency	<hr/>
	\$11,755

The letter of Strachan Bethune, Esq., Q.C., explains the present position of the suit of Mr. Wardle, against the Rector and Church Wardens. Should it be decided against them the effect would be disastrous to the Cathedral. On the other hand, if in their favour, as may be reasonably expected, it will be for them to take the advice of counsel as to the recourse which may be had against Mr. Wardle and his sureties, in damages, for the injury caused in the construction of the building. These sureties Mr. Bethune considers good for any amount which may be hereafter recovered. Under any circumstances the cost of defending the suit is now estimated, as it has to be provided for.

2nd. CURRENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1869-70:

Revenue Pew rents.....	\$6,920
Allow for bad debts	200
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	\$ 6,7
Offertory	3,580
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	\$10,300

EXPENDITURE:*Stipends of Clergy:*

The Dean.....	\$1,400
Canon Loosemore	2,000
Canon Balch.....	2,000
	<hr/> \$5,400

Officials:

Vestry Clerk	\$400
Organist	500
Beadle and Labour.....	500
H. Grant, for clock.....	80
Warren, for organ.....	70
Verger.....	40
	<hr/> 1,590

Sundries:

Fuel	\$1,090
Gas and candles.....	350
Water tax	115
	<hr/> 1,555
Insurance.....	\$350
Wine	30
Charitable disbursements	1,000
Printing	25
Rent school-house.....	120
Rent Rectory lot.....	60
Repairs	500
Sundries	200
	<hr/> 2,285
	<hr/> 10,830

Deficiency on current expenditure, per annum.....\$ 530

3rd. THE CAUSES OF THE PRESENT EMBARRASSMENT:

These are clearly the excess of expenditure over revenue, partly in current and ordinary maintenance, but chiefly from extra and unforeseen charges,—as the assessment for the widening of St. Catherine Street, the costs in the Wardle suit, and the ever recurring and apparently increasing cost on the maintenance of the building.

4th. THE PROPOSED REMEDIES:

As the number of Pews now leased is larger than at any previous time, and the rent charged for them is as high as can reasonably be expected, your Committee believe that it would be inexpedient

and useless to attempt to increase the revenue by an increased pew rental. They further state their conviction that, owing to the former strain on the liberality of the congregation, *and the present disturbed state of their feelings owing to want of harmony in the Cathedral body* * any attempt to collect subscription money to extinguish the present debt would be futile.

The only other means left open, which is evidently the proper one, is to reduce the expenditure sufficiently to cover current ascertained expenses, contingent ones that may hereafter arise, as well as to provide an annual sinking fund to cover the present arrears. This object they propose to effect by a reduction of the current expenditure as follows, namely:

Proposed Stipends of Clergy :

The Very Rev. The Dean.....	\$1,200
One Canon.....	1,800
Assistant Minister	600
	<hr/> \$3,600

Officials :

Organist.....	\$500
Clerk, Beadle, and labour.....	700
Clock, \$40 ; Organ, \$50 ; Verger, \$40	130
	<hr/> 1,330
Fuel, \$700 ; Light, \$300 ; Water tax, \$115.....	1,115
Charitable disbursements	1,000

Sundries :

Insurance, \$360 ; Wine, \$30 ; Printing, \$25.....	\$415
School-house rent.....	120
Constitut on Rectory Lot.....	60
Repairs and Sundries	400
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	<hr/> \$8,040

Thus leaving a surplus of \$2,260 per annum, \$260 of which would be held as a reserve fund for contingent expenses, and \$2,000 for the gradual payment of accrued arrears.

Should these monies not be so retained and applied, the current expenses cannot be continued nor the accrued debt paid.

* The words in italics are omitted in the report of the several members of the vestry.

This reduction of expenditure having appeared to your Committee absolutely necessary, they have striven to apportion it as they considered feasible and expedient.

The sum allowed for fuel is reduced to an amount proved to be practicable from the experience of years 1864-5-6, when the main building was not heated during the week days. The cost then was \$400 per annum; \$300 extra is now estimated to cover the increased cost of fuel.

The salaries of the officials are altered by dispensing with the vestry clerk, and having the duty of keeping the accounts taken charge of by the present beadle, who is competent to fulfil the duty. No other alteration is made, as it might be difficult to secure efficiency at a reduced rate.

The item for light is reduced \$50, which can be secured by economy in the use of the gas.

The amount allowed for charitable disbursements is necessarily limited to \$1000. Heretofore this sum was expended in cash. An account for wood, usually amounting to \$500 per annum was added. On this wood account, it appears by the liabilities stated, there is a balance now unpaid of \$1,297.

The maintenance of the Church Home, amounting to about \$500 annually, cannot hereafter be paid out of the Cathedral funds, but it is recommended that, with the concurrence and aid of the other Churches, provision might be made for it, by a special annual sermon and private subscriptions.

As no further reductions are possible, other than the stipends of the clergy, your Committee feel bound, in the interests of the congregation and from the necessity of the case, to recommend the following reductions:

The Very Rev. the Dean of Montreal,.....	\$1200
Canon,.....	1800
Assistant Minister,.....	600
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	\$3600

It will be remarked that provision is made for an assistant minister, although it appears to your Committee that this expenditure is only entailed by the maintenance of a daily service, and an attempt to carry out a Cathedral service with only the limited

means of a Colonial Parish Church; this course appears to them inexpedient, as beyond the present means at the disposal of the Rector and Church Wardens of the Christ Church Cathedral.

They advert, lastly, and with great regret, to the want of cordiality and harmony which evidently exists in the Cathedral body, which is apparent to the congregation. This subject would have been avoided by your Committee did they not feel satisfied that it affected most injuriously the temporal interests of the Cathedral. They have, therefore, in stating the fact as simply as possible, so as to offer the least offence, still as plainly as they can, that there may be no misunderstanding of their views, to recommend that the Very Reverend the Dean, as Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, and in its interests, should take the necessary immediate steps to secure the discontinuance of the services of one of the Canons of the Cathedral. *If this course be not adopted, it appears to your Committee that the present embarrassment of the Cathedral will be increased by a want of interest in the Church on the part of the Congregation, which would lead to greater financial difficulties than your Committee have now to lay before you.**

All nevertheless respectfully submitted.

GEO. BARNSTON, *Chairman.*

ALEX. EMPEY.

W. B. LAMBE.

THOMAS SIMPSON.

JOHN SWANSTON.

This report, at a very full meeting of the Special Vestry, was unanimously adopted.

The Committee and I very soon after waited on the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and submitted the report for his consideration and advice.

At the interview the Bishop gave it as his opinion that it was desirable that both of the Cathedral Canons should resign, and he accordingly addressed a letter to each Canon, desiring him to do so.

* These words in italics are also omitted in the report of the several members of the vestry.

To this request of the Bishop, Canon Loosemore declined to accede, and Canon Balch, on the other hand, promptly handed me his resignation. I felt it to be my duty, under the circumstances, to return Canon Balch's resignation, and to consult the Committee as to my future course, which I accordingly did. The Committee, thereupon, delivered me their opinion and advice, as follows:—

TO THE VERY REV. THE DEAN OF MONTREAL.

VERY REV. SIR,—We, the undersigned, the Committee of the Select Vestry, appointed by yourself, to consider the present financial position of Christ Church Cathedral, who reported to the Select Vestry, on the 20th inst., which report was unanimously adopted, have now to state, that as you were pleased to invite us to accompany you in waiting on his Lordship the Metropolitan, to seek his advice, prior to using your prerogative, as Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, in dismissing the assistant ministers, or either of them, for the causes stated in the report; and as the Metropolitan pledged himself, in the interests of the congregation, to request the resignation of both of these assistant ministers, and in the event of their not doing so, that then you would use your prerogative, as Rector, which course he advised should be adopted, (and that he would not interfere therewith;)* and as the Metropolitan has requested the resignation of these ministers, in the following terms: “I have just returned from the Vestry meeting; and after what passed there, I regret to say that my decided opinion is, that both the Canons should resign their office in the Cathedral. For the good of the Church generally, and of the Cathedral more especially, and I may also add, for the interests of you both, I believe that this will be the best course for you to take. The financial difficulties of the Vestry seem to demand it; but still more the very painful and unchristian position in which you have long stood towards each other. Of course I have no authority in the matter—that rests with the Dean. But as the friend of you both, and the guardian of the peace and welfare of the Church, I tender this as my best and most earnest advice. I trust that you will not mistake my motive, and that God will guide you to act

* There is an unintentional mistake here.

"right." And as the Rev. Canon Balch has tendered his resignation, and the Rev. Canon Loosemore has refused to accede to the request* of the Metropolitan: that the obedience† of the former and the disobedience of the latter to accede to this request of his superior, made in the interest of the congregation, justifies us in stating to you (what we withheld for the Rev. Canon Loosemore's sake) in making our report, that we consider the Rev. Canon Loosemore the cause of the dissensions in the Cathedral, and have therefore to recommend you to notify him immediately of his dismissal, and have signed.

GEO. BARNSTON, *Chairman.*

ALEX. EMPEY.

W. B. LAMBE.

THOMAS SIMPSON.

JOHN SWANSTON.

We concur in the foregoing:—

THOMAS SIMPSON, } *Church Wardens.*
JOHN SWANSTON, }

Montreal, 25th November, 1869.

On the receipt of this paper, I lost no time in forwarding it to the Bishop, accompanied by the following letter:—

26th November, 1869.

MY DEAR LORD,—Since seeing you the day before yesterday, I thought it necessary to communicate the result of your letters to the two Canons, to the Committee of the Select Vestry, and they have in consequence sent me the enclosed paper, in which you will perceive the Church Wardens concur.

In view of all the circumstances of this sad affair I feel it to be my painful duty to notify Mr. Loosemore that his engagement will terminate at the end of six months. This I cannot do unless the reason for giving such notice "be sufficient in the judgment of the Bishop." In what has transpired so far you have virtually assented to such a course, but technically I ought to have a

* Not "request," but advice.

† I do not regard it as a matter of obedience or of disobedience to me, but simply as declining to accede to my proposal.

written statement from you to that effect. Will you be good enough, therefore, to state, in writing, that the reason which has called for my proposed action, is, in your judgment, sufficient.

I am, my dear Lord, yours very faithfully,

J. BETHUNE.

To this letter the Bishop replied as follows:

November 26.

MY DEAR MR. DEAN,—In reply to your letter just received, I must remind you that when I last saw you, you kindly assured me that you would pause before taking any further step. I am particularly anxious that you should still do so, as I have some little hope that even now a reconciliation may probably be effected between the two Canons, which seems the most Christian way out of the present painful difficulty.

You will also remember that my counsel was, that if a dismissal should be found necessary, it would be best that both should go.

It seems, from what I have heard since the meeting in the vestry, and also from your letter, that the removal of the two assistant ministers will depend ultimately upon my judgment. This I was not at all aware of when I met the Committee, and had I heard it I should have declined to attend. As it is, I could not give my assent without very deliberate consideration as to what is just and right towards all parties. I still feel that the Committee, having recommended a change in the Cathedral staff, chiefly on the ground of the unhappy dissension which has long existed between those who minister in it, the right course is to endeavour by every means to effect a reconciliation between them. Should this be successful, it will be well to ask the Vestry to continue the present stipends, or to modify them if necessary; but if unsuccessful, I feel persuaded that it will be the lesser of two evils to discontinue the services of both the present Canons. You will see by the pencil marks I have made in the margin of the letter of the Committee that there are one or two mistakes that have been made, to which I hope you will call their attention, as I should be sorry that they should misunderstand me.

Can you let me see in writing to what extent my judgment in

the case is recognized, as I am not aware that I hold any document which will shew it. You are wishing, dear Mr. Dean, I am very sure, as well as myself, to allay the irritation which (is) manifesting itself, and to do what is really right in this matter. If you wish to see me, I will call upon you to-morrow, after twelve.

Believe me, most truly and faithfully yours,

A. MONTREAL.

I then resolved to call the present meeting, which was accordingly summoned in the usual manner, under the Church Temporalities Act. Since then the Bishop and I have had several conferences, the result of which has been that the Bishop has expressed his willingness to acquiesce in my proposed notice to Canon Loosemore, provided both Canons should be removed from office, and that I should pledge myself not to re-appoint either of them. To this proposal I wrote the following answer :

4th December, 1869.

MY DEAR LORD,—After mature consideration of your Lordship's proposal that if I would give you a promise that I would not re-appoint either of the Canons after their resignation or dismissal, you would concur in the dismissal of Mr. Loosemore, I have come to the conclusion that I cannot consent to an arrangement which would involve the surrender of my right of appointment, nor can I agree to resist the request of a majority of the Cathedral congregation, should such a request be made in favour of either of the Canons in question.

Yours, &c.,

J. BETHUNE.

This, brethren, is a simple narrative of the actual facts and circumstances which have brought about your present meeting, and I most sincerely trust that your deliberations may not only be characterized by wisdom, but also may be conducted without personal rancour and bitter strife, and result in securing lasting harmony and good will amongst the members of our Cathedral congregation.

JOHN BETHUNE,

Rector of Montreal.

Mr. RAMSAY asked that the marginal notes, which Mr. Simpson had informed them that the Bishop had made in the report of the Committee of the Select Vestry, be read.

Mr. SIMPSON stated that the Committee distinctly understood that the Lord Bishop had promised not to interfere with the Dean's prerogative.

Mr. RAMSAY said the Committee were wrong, for, at the time of the interview, the Bishop was not aware that his name was included in the agreement between the Dean and Mr. Loosemore.

Mr. SIMPSON then read his Lordship's marginal notes.

Hon. L. S. HUNTINGTON moved the following resolution :—

"That the thanks of this meeting are hereby tendered to the Rector, Church Wardens and Select Vestry for their services, as explained by the report which is furnished ; and that this meeting, learning therefrom that the finances of Christ Church Cathedral will not admit of the payment of the salary of the present assistant clergyman, respectfully request that the Rector, the Very Rev. the Dean, be pleased to retain as assistant minister the Rev. Canon Balch, in recognition of the services that gentleman has rendered to the Cathedral towards the extinction of its debt, and his otherwise great usefulness in the Church."

Mr. SWANSTON seconded the resolution.

Mr. HUNTINGTON then proceeded to speak on the resolution as follows :—

I merely desire to say in support of the resolution that the position we are in seems to me to be a very delicate one ; and I am sure I only echo the sentiments of every one when I say that I would be very glad if I could, consistently with my duty, avoid the responsibility which rests upon me. I do not propose to go into the history of the case which has been so fairly put before us by the papers and explanations which have been read to us. It appears to me that the conclusions arrived at by the Rector and the Select Vestry are fully justified by the circumstances which they have recited. Nor do I propose to enter upon any eulogy of the Rev. Canon Balch. My own opinion is clearly set forth in the resolution. I should hope that in the delicate position which we are placed we will avoid, so far as possible, anything in this discus-

sion which would be calculated to offend, or to increase that irritation which his Lordship refers to as existing in the congregation. I shall, therefore, Mr. Chairman, merely submit the resolution, reserving, of course, the right to make any observations or explanations which I may consider necessary in the course of the discussion.

Mr. RAMSAY.—Mr. Chairman, I regret extremely the necessity of entering into an extended argument of matters of so serious consideration as those laid before us to-day. The Church Wardens might very well have avoided anything disagreeable had they adhered simply to a statement of financial matters, without making a direct attack upon one of the Rev. Canons of this Cathedral (Cheers). Had the Church Wardens and the Select Vestry deserved the praises which Mr. Huntington showered upon them, certainly they had a very simple task to do—one which I am sure the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral would consider right and proper and the only manly course to take. But instead of that we have laid before us a carefully concocted attack upon Rev. Canon Loosemore (No, No; and Yes)—an attack which, I maintain, is without foundation, got up, perhaps, by persons hostile to him. Now, gentlemen, you will observe this, that the moment this report of the Committee was laid before his Lordship he corrected the very point upon which the whole recommendation of the Select Vestry and this Select Committee of the Select Vestry turns. The advice of this Committee was—in fact it was a foregone conclusion with them—that the Rev. Canon Loosemore, the senior Canon, be dismissed, and the junior Canon be retained. That was their suggestion. And why? Because of an act of disobedience. But when this point was brought under the notice of his Lordship, what does he say? That it is not a matter of disobedience at all. That is what his Lordship pencilled in the margin of the Committee's report, which was read when I asked for it. Now, gentlemen, I think we would do very well to avoid all these matters; all we have to attend to is the financial condition of the Cathedral. But before I sit down I wish to call attention to one thing, and that is to the remark of the Bishop that he did not say he would not interfere with the Dean in his prerogative. I will tell you why.

The Bishop had not been informed—could not have been informed according to the circumstances—of the nature of the engagement with the Rev. Canon Loosemore. His engagement was this : That he held his appointment till reasons were shown, sufficient in the judgment of the Bishop, for his removal, and that after six months notice. It is perfectly evident that on this point, instead of the testimony of these gentlemen, the testimony of the Bishop was the right testimony, and that he has told us the real facts of the case. He could not have then said he would not interfere with the Dean's prerogative, for the simple reason that he could not have known till he saw the letter of engagement what the engagement was. The Bishop himself said that he was not aware that he had any right to interfere ; that he had no judgment in the matter and only *requested* the resignation of the Rev. Canon. Now, allow me to draw your attention to this point : Mr. Loosemore, a clergyman occupying a good position at Kingston, was requested to come down here and take the position of junior Canon of this Cathedral. Another clergyman is brought in, not as assistant minister, but a select Chaplain to certain members of the congregation. He remains in this position a while, and then a story is got up, and one of the Canons leaves the Cathedral. An effort is then made to get the position for the junior Canon ; but the late Bishop appointed Rev. Canon Loosemore as senior Canon. Whatever dissensions may have arisen in the congregation he has not caused them, and no man can lay his hand upon any act of his that has led to dissensions, and it was a most unfair thing for the Church Wardens to bring in this sort of general vague accusation against him, without any facts to support it. (Hear, hear). The Church Wardens tell us that there is some irritation on the part of Rev. Canon Loosemore. When did he express this irritation ? Whom has he made complaint of ? It is evident, then, that everything has been done to poison the mind of the Bishop, and to draw forth a letter, which, though we are not told so, has since been withdrawn by his Lordship, who did not intend to convey any accusation against the Rev. Canon Loosemore. Now, gentlemen, I have not come here with the idea of making this more disagreeable than it is: I was in hopes that all these matters which rumour had it was likely to be brought up at

this meeting, would not come up. No later than to-day I was told that nothing was to be said about any of the clergymen, but that we were to meet merely to have the financial statement laid before us. I therefore say I regret extremely that these most objectionable accusations have been brought up against one of the Rev. Canons; because nothing can be more objectionable than vague accusations without facts; nothing can be more detestable than that; and these are the kind of charges that have been brought to-day against Rev. Canon Loosemore. We are in no hostility to the governing body of this Cathedral, nor to any one of the clergy, though we may prefer one above another. I have far too high an idea of the position which they fill to act with any kind of hostility to them personally. We may have our preferences, but no general hostility that can prevent the Cathedral being as flourishing as it was a few years past. In reference to the financial statement, it is a very extraordinary thing that we are told that more pews have been let in the Cathedral than before, and yet the revenue is smaller, and that we cannot collect funds on account of dissensions. Dissensions, one would think, would empty the Cathedral; yet we are told by the Committee that the number of pews rented has increased. Instead of listening to these reports of dissensions let us face the matter in a plain, straight-forward manner. The revenue of the Cathedral is set down at \$11,000 a year. Our expenses this year exceeded our revenue by nearly \$1500, and last year by only \$500. In 1867 we had a revenue of \$11,905. Why is our revenue not as large now? It must be want of collection. I think the motion before us is a most objectionable motion. If one of the Canons had to go it would be most invidious and improper to send away the senior Canon, and keep the junior. A more pains-taking and earnest clergyman never administered service in the Cathedral [cheers]; and I defy any man to bring a formal, definite accusation against him, founded on facts. I leave it to some other person to suggest some amendment to this objectionable resolution of Mr. Huntington. If we make up our minds that we must get out of our difficulty some way will be found to heal our differences. It is said that since the divorce laws were passed in England differences between men and their wives have increased, because

when they knew they could not be separated they generally found some way to get out of their difficulties. So if we decide to live together we will find some way of making up our difficulties. If the gentlemen of the Select Vestry have any feelings of irritation let me give them this good advice, to bury them for the future. The movement has come from them, from a very recognized few of the mass of the congregation. It certainly did not arise from the great mass of the members of the Church. I believe in reality if these gentlemen will abandon the idea the congregation will be saved any more trouble in the future.

MR. THOMAS SIMPSON.—Mr. Chairman, I think I have a right to the floor, as a personal attack has been made upon myself and my esteemed colleague. It is said that we have joined in an attack upon Canon Loosemore. That I distinctly deny. It is said that he was brought here from a higher position in Kingston. It is true he had \$1,000 in Kingston, and that we gave him £300; the second year we increased his salary to £350; the third year we found we could not increase his salary, but Mr. Gault, Mr. Macrae and myself got up a subscription, and collected \$500 which we presented to Mr. Loosemore. The fourth year we raised his salary to \$2,000. These things will show our feeling towards Mr. Loosemore. We have done everything we possibly could to reconcile the difficulty between the two Rev. Canons. I have called on Mr. Loosemore myself, personally, at his house, on several occasions, in order to get these troubles to cease for ever. Mr. Gault, too, has written letters to try and smooth over the difficulties. We have shown every disposition to be kind and friendly to Mr. Loosemore, and if that gentleman were here I would appeal to him to say whether or not *we had done anything to make his position uncomfortable* in the Cathedral. (Cheers). Then, Sir, with reference to the statement that the late Bishop appointed Canon Loosemore senior Canon, that was a matter of course, it was a *gradation of office* which the Bishop could not avoid. When Canon Thompson left Canon White took his place, and if Canon Loosemore should leave, and we were rich enough to have two Canons, Cannon Balch would, as a matter of course, be senior Canon. Then, Mr. Ramsay has talked a good deal about our not

making income and expenditure meet. He forgets the fact that there was a deficiency of \$3,150 in Mr. Anderson's account for the liquidation of the debt on the Cathedral; he forgets the fact that \$1,500—(\$500 of which has since been paid)—had to be paid as a retaining fee to Sir Roundell Palmer, for the defence of the suit in England; that we had to pay \$1,182 for the widening of St. Catherine-street, and other unlooked for sums, which make up a total of \$11,000. Mr. Ramsay says, we have made an attack upon Canon Loosemore; but we have carefully avoided anything like an attack. We did not come here to make an attack upon any one. We came here according to the direction of the Dean to make our report; we have not mentioned the names of either of the Canons, and I, for one, regret that the names of either of them should have been mentioned here at all to-day, either one way or the other.

Mr. BANNATYNE thought it was a foregone conclusion with the Committee, that Canon Loosemore was to be blamed. He would like to know if they ever tried to allay Canon Balch's irritation. He had to complain of the Church Wardens' whole conduct in this matter, though he did not suppose they purposely intended to do wrong. He considered that the financial condition of the Cathedral should have been known before this, and steps taken to improve it.

Mr. SIMPSON.—We did not know anything of the deficiency in Mr. Anderson's account.

Mr. BANNATYNE.—Mr. Anderson, at the last Annual Meeting, declared there would be a deficiency.

Mr. SIMPSON.—Yes, he said there would be a deficiency, but he did not know how much; he did not say \$3,150.

Mr. BANNATYNE considered the Church Wardens were wrong in asking the meeting to recommend the removal of one of the Canons, before asking which Canon was preferred by the congregation. He agreed with nearly all of Mr. Ramsay's remarks.

Mr. KERRY.—In a matter of so much consequence we must not be in too great a hurry to decide. This Vestry has been called here to-day to discuss matters of importance; and it is not treating us fairly to have brought us here to discuss these matters without

giving us the slightest intimation of what was to be brought before this meeting. (Hear, hear). The main question turns really upon the financial statement, and that is a question which cannot be entered into without some careful study; and, at all events, it would be only paying proper respect to us had we been furnished with all the particulars that we might come here prepared to argue the case on its merits. I object altogether to take the statement of the finances from the gentlemen who have been actually the cause of the trouble in this Cathedral. I think the zeal and industry of our Church Wardens deserve all the praise which the resolution has attributed to them; but I am compelled to admit that they have been sadly wanting in judgment. Any person who looks over the accounts of the last five years will see at once that the estimated revenue for each coming year was invariably beyond the actual revenue; important items of expense have been left out in calculating the estimates. Our method of presenting the accounts is, perhaps, partly to blame for that, because the statement is merely read out to us, and we cannot grasp all the figures at once and judge of the correctness of the calculation that is drawn from them. I think the accounts ought to be made up and circulated a week or ten days prior to the Easter meetings (hear, hear); we could then see each for himself the position in which we are placed. At the Easter meeting of 1867 the Church Wardens met the Vestry with a recommendation to increase the salaries of the Dean and the Rev. Canon Loosemore. Their report led us to hope we had seen almost the end of our money difficulties, and it was so gratifying to that meeting that the Vestry agreed to increase these salaries to the amount the Church Wardens wished, and added £60 to each of these salaries. And the result of the year's experience seemed to justify that step of the Vestry, because the next statement of accounts showed the balance of liabilities over assets reduced by one-half, in spite of the fact that the revenue had fallen short by \$1000 of the estimated sum; and the Church Wardens then seemed to be satisfied with the position of matters, because the engagement with the Rev. Dr. Balch, which had been made by a few gentlemen in the congregation, being shortly to expire, the Church Wardens, fearing lest his services would be lost to the Cathedral, anticipated the Vestry meet-

ing of 1868, and with the concurrence of the Select Vestry, engaged Rev. Dr. Balch, on the permanent staff of the Cathedral, thereby entailing the additional charge of \$2000 a year upon the revenue. And I suppose it was made satisfactory to the Vestry at the Easter meeting, for no exception was taken to the act. The statement then presented ought not to have passed as it did, unchallenged. The revenue was estimated then at \$8000, the same as the previous year's estimate, though the whole amount actually received the previous year fell short of the estimate by \$1000, including all the arrears. But in making up a statement of the assets and liabilities, showing how much the balance was reduced, I notice that all the arrears at Easter, 1868, were taken at their full value as so much towards the reduction of our liabilities. The previous years they had been so estimated with a large reduction for bad debts. It seems arrears are useful in more ways than one. If we turn to the report of 1868 it will be seen that the full amount of arrears is taken as assets as against our liabilities; and the same sum—it could not be believed were it not in print—is brought down again as a tangible source of revenue with which to meet the current expenses of the succeeding year! What we want is a distinct and straight-forward statement of our position. It is quite likely we can find a way out of our difficulties, for we have already passed through a similar crisis in our financial history. In 1864 the report showed a balance of assets over liabilities of a very handsome estimated amount; but the collections were so bad for the ensuing six months, and the pressure of payments, I presume, alarmed the Church Wardens so that, in the month of October, 1864, I think, they issued a circular to all the congregation, filled with the most gloomy forebodings, and accompanied by a statement differing most materially from that which had been laid before us at Easter. But they met the Vestry in 1865 with a triumphant statement, which showed, it was true, a surplus of liabilities over assets, but also a large estimated revenue, more than sufficient to meet all demands. And in the present case it is quite likely that with a thorough investigation the embarrassment may prove only temporary, and, if so, our present ministers may even prefer to submit to some temporary pecuniary sacrifices rather than dissolve their connection, which I have not heard is disagreeable to them.

(Hear, hear). I am quite sure that each of these gentlemen has many warm and attached friends in the congregation, and if they are to be dismissed in this discourteous way, it will bring grief to many a household. (Hear). But if the worst should be as predicted, I do not think that the liberality of the congregation is exhausted. For my own part I shall certainly decline to contribute a single dollar till we are really put into possession of the real state of our affairs by a competent accountant. I think if that should be done there will be no difficulty in getting out of the terrible mess in which we are at present. At all events one good has resulted from it in showing the large interest which the congregation can take in their affairs if they are thoroughly aroused; and I hope, sir, they will maintain the same interest throughout. I beg to offer the following amendment:—

“That inasmuch as the statement now offered by the Church Wardens involves intricate matters of accounts, and inasmuch as the said statement conflicts with the previous financial statements of the affairs of the Cathedral, that this meeting do adjourn for one month, in order that the accounts may be submitted to an accountant who shall be instructed to report thereon at the said adjourned meeting.”

Mr. JOSEPH N. HALL seconded the amendment, and said it was exceedingly painful to him to hear of these dissensions. It was not creditable that dissensions should exist to the extent that one of the clergymen should have to go. It would be a shame and a disgrace to this Cathedral to let one of them go under such circumstances. With the Bishop he entirely agreed, that if it was possible for the matter to be compromised it should be done. If they were too miserably poor to pay their ministers, let them tell them that they could give them £300 a year, and he believed they would be willing to take it. The matter before them was one of finance, and required to be carefully considered. He, for one, was not satisfied with the statement of their financial condition, and he wished the accounts submitted to an accountant, so that they might know, precisely, how they stood financially. Then, if they found they could not pay the Canons £500 a year, pay them £300 and keep them both. He had the greatest respect for both the

Canons, and he believed that if there was any difficulty between them, the good sense of both of them would lead to a settlement without any trouble. He begged of Mr. Huntington not to press this matter, but give them some little time to think the matter over, and not come to a decision in haste.

Mr. MACRAE.—Before this amendment is put, I wish to say a few words. We have an important question brought before this meeting to-day, and I see an evident intention to burk the really vital question that is before this House. I may call it a House, because we are a large body.

Mr. BETHUNE.—Call it a Vestry; we are a Vestry, and nothing else.

Mr. MACRAE.—Anything you like, Mr. Bethune. But what I want is to meet the main question before us boldly upon its merits. We have an attempt made here to make the question simply one of figures. My friend, Mr. Ramsay, has tried to talk about allaying party feeling; but I would like to know what has done more to raise party feeling than some articles abusive of Dr. Balch which have appeared in the *Evening Telegraph* newspaper, and which report says were written by Mr. Ramsay. In that case, his advice to allay party feeling comes with a very bad grace. Dr. Balch has been attacked in the most unhandsome manner in the columns of that newspaper, of which Mr. Ramsay is reputed to have in a great measure the control;—and not only that, but squibs and caricatures in satirical papers against the clergy and Dr. Balch in particular have been hawked about the streets. As to party feeling, there is no use in concealing the fact—there are two parties in this Cathedral. (Oh! oh!) Oh! as much as you like, there are two parties; and if one man has made himself a partizan more than another, that man was Canon Loosemore, at the last Synod. There is not the shadow of a doubt that Mr. Loosemore was, on that occasion, at the head of the High Church party. On several occasions he has denied it, but his acts show it. In almost every instance, at the Synod, Mr. Loosemore voted against the views of the majority of his parishioners, and in opposition to the representatives sent by his congregation. Subsequently, when it was necessary to protect the property of the Church by granting certain

powers to the Dean, Mr. Loosemore worked against it, and against the majority of his congregation. I am very sorry to have had to come to this conclusion, because I think that at one time a stronger friend of Mr. Loosemore did not exist in the congregation than myself. I consider Mr. Loosemore a perfect gentleman; his private character I esteem; but, as members of the Church of England, we have a right to express our opinions with regard to any changes that may be attempted in the Cathedral service. I leave it to those who are in the habit of attending the Cathedral to say what changes have been attempted. Perhaps my friend, Mr. Ramsay, has not been a very frequent attendant—(cheers and laughter)—having, I believe, only qualified himself to vote here to-day by having a pew transferred to his name as recently as last Thursday. Now, there is no use shirking the question. There *are* two parties in the Cathedral—there is the High Church party and the Evangelical party, and I for my part, as siding with the latter, object to any change in the mode of service from what we were accustomed to in the old Cathedral. A number of changes have already crept in. I, for one, object to these changes, on principle. Mr. Loosemore I believe to be a very estimable man; but a Catholic priest may be a very estimable man, yet that would be no reason why we should have him to perform the services in our Cathedral. Of course, if the majority in the Cathedral incline to High Church services, to Ritualism, let them carry the day. But as long as I am there, I shall object to the Ritualistic tendencies of Mr. Loosemore. My friend, Mr. Ramsay, has challenged us; now I challenge him to point out—after his frequent attendance at the Cathedral—one single act of Dr. Balch, to prove that he is party man. Let us take what the Dean says. The Dean, himself, wishes to dismiss Mr. Loosemore. What prevented him? A miserable piece of paper or pretended agreement to which the Church Wardens never were party. If you look at the Celwich Temporalities Act you will find that the corporation of the Cathedral consists of the Rector and the Church Wardens. They are the only parties that can sue and be sued. I know that lawyers may differ in opinion as to the validity of this agreement, and hold strong opinions on both sides. But we have such emi-

gent men as Judge Aylwin and Mr. Carter holding the view that this so called agreement is not binding on the congregation, and that it is unnecessary to trouble the Bishop at all with this matter. The corporation has the power to retain Dr. Balch as assistant minister in the Cathedral, and I feel satisfied that the Dean will adopt that course.

Mr. BETHUNE.—I am very sorry to see this discussion take the spirit manifested by Mr. Macrae. Perhaps he has been provoked to it by what has been said by Mr. Ramsay; but if we allow that kind of discussion to go on we shall drift into mere personalities. As I view the motion that is proposed by Mr. Huntington, it is a very simple one—one which in one way invited such personal discussion as we have had to-day. If I thought for one moment that either Canon Loosemore or Canon Balch was upon his trial here I certainly should have nothing to do with this meeting, for the simple reason that there would be no possible way by which we could try the merits or demerits of either of these two gentlemen. As I understand the question, it is one of very great simplicity. It simply amounts to this. We are in a state of insolvency, or rather *quasi* insolvency. In order to put ourselves in such a position that we can meet, what we have not been doing for some time, the demands upon us, the officers of the Church say we must make a change; we cannot afford to keep two first-class clergymen in the Cathedral at \$2,000 a year; not only that, but we must reduce the Dean's salary by \$200, and if we retain only one of these first class clergymen his salary must be reduced by \$400 a year, and have a young man at a moderate salary of £150 or £200 a year. This is the financial statement presented to us here, with the recommendation on the part of the Committee that one of these superior clergymen should be removed and the other retained. Of course we must make a distinction, and in doing so we cannot help being invidious; we must select one; we must say to the Rector which of these two gentlemen we think in our judgment is preferable, and in doing so we make no accusation against either of them. I repeat that if for one moment I thought that the slightest reflection was to be cast upon the conduct of either of these two gentlemen certainly I would not be here to-

day. But I understand we are here simply to decide, under the very trying circumstances in which we are placed, which of the two gentlemen we ought to retain. I have no hesitation, personally, in saying this, but I say it with very great pain, because the consequences must be I must lose one of two friends in the Cathedral. My friendship for Canon Loosemore is certainly equal to that for Canon Balch, and if you come to the question of Church politics, I rather think the opinions of my friend Mr. Macrae don't coincide with my own. I should be inclined to support Canon Loosemore in all that he has done in the Cathedral. I don't think he has done anything in the Cathedral to call forth the slightest censure. (Hear, hear.) I may say on that point that he is not in the slightest degree responsible for the performance of the services. The whole responsibility rests with the Rector, and he has shoulders broad enough to bear the whole of that responsibility. (Hear, hear.) At the same time I say we have to make a distinction, and in making that distinction I simply look at what, under the circumstances, I conclude to be for our good and for the benefit of the Cathedral, (cheers), and not only for the benefit of the Cathedral, but for the benefit of the diocese at large. It is proposed by Mr. Huntington that we should retain the services of Dr. Balch. In relation to his appointment, I, perhaps, may be permitted to say a word or two, having a good deal of personal knowledge on that subject. My learned friend, Mr. Ramsay, referred to the way in which Mr. Loosemore came here. I am sorry a subject of that kind should have been mentioned here, because we don't want to deal in personalities. But I may tell this meeting, on the other hand, the circumstances under which Canon Balch was brought here. My father, in consequence of my mother's death, was not in a position to act at that time, and all the correspondence was conducted by our late Metropolitan. I have seen and read a letter written by the late Metropolitan to Dr. Balch, in October, 1865, which pointed in the direction of his coming here, long before any of the congregation thought of bringing him here. That letter was in answer to a letter of Canon Balch, in which he sought the advice of the late Metropolitan upon a very important matter. He had been invited to allow

himself to be elected Bishop of Nebraska. He consulted our late Metropolitan on the subject; and in that letter, to which I just referred, the Metropolitan endeavoured to dissuade him from any such course, and told him plainly that there was a place for him nearer his own home where he would be more useful; told him, in fact, in plain terms, that if he could he would bring him here. (Cheers.) The Dean being unable to do anything at that time, the whole matter was left in the hands of the Bishop, who pressed upon Dr. Balch to accept the call from the congregation. He certainly looked upon him as a most valuable man. And what has been the result? We know what has been the result in our own congregation, and I need not refer to it particularly. But not only has he been extremely useful to us in that respect, but he has been a right arm to us in the diocese. (Cheers.) As the Secretary of our Synod, he has stimulated our people in the cause of missions in a way that never was heard of in this country before. (Cheers.) As an instance, I may cite my own case and I suppose others have had similar experience. I was in the habit, for many years, of subscribing \$5 a year, and thought it was ample. I was never told by anybody, no one was ever zealous enough to tell me, that it was a paltry amount, and no sum to be subscribed for such a purpose. What was the consequence? Remember, if we drive Canon Balch out of the parish we drive him out of the country. What was the result of his scheme? When I came to look at it I found I must subscribe \$40 instead of \$5; and that is merely one of a great number of instances. I do trust in a matter of this kind that we will sink all offensive personalities. No one wants to reflect upon Canon Loosemore. If I thought that what I was doing here was going to reflect in the slightest degree upon his character I would abstain from attending this meeting, or I would vote the other way. But we are simply in a financial difficulty. I see no reason for postponing this question; we can never get so good a meeting again. (Hear, hear.) I entertain no suspicion of the correctness of the financial statement. It has been prepared in the most careful manner by the Church Wardens and a Select Vestry, composed, if I am not mistaken, of at least fifteen persons, of whom a Committee have carefully examined the whole matter, and the Select

Vestry itself has ratified and confirmed their reports in all respects. I see no good in a postponement of the discussion on this matter. As I said before, the whole matter resolves itself into making a distinction between the two Canons. It is to be deeply regretted that we are in such a position, and no one can feel it more deeply than I do. If the effect of my vote is to lose Canon Loosemore I exceedingly regret it, but I have a duty to perform, and I shall do it openly and frankly. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. HENRY THOMAS.—It is said the report does not reflect upon Canon Loosemore; but the report was read before Mr. Bethune came into the room, and therefore he does not know its contents.

Mr. BETHUNE.—I was speaking of the resolution.

Mr. THOMAS.—The resolution sanctions the report, and the report censures Canon Loosemore.

Mr. BETHUNE.—I beg to be allowed to make an explanation. I understand that Mr. Huntington's motion simply thanks the Church Wardens and the Select Vestry for what they have done. The report says nothing about anybody in the way of recommending his removal, does it?

Mr. RAMSAY.—I beg you pardon, it does.

Mr. HUNTINGTON.—It was particularly desired from my point of view to express no opinion upon the points raised by the Church Wardens. I, therefore, in this resolution, propose simply to thank them; but do not endorse what they say about Mr. Loosemore or anybody else. We simply thank them for their services, and take up the financial aspect of the question.

Mr. RAMSAY.—We are now speaking on an amendment proposed by Mr. Kerry, and in seconding that amendment I should like to say a word or two.

The CHAIRMAN.—Mr. Hall has already seconded it.

Mr. RAMSAY.—Well, then, I will speak to it, especially as I have been made the particular butt of Mr. Macrae's satire; though perhaps no remarks from me are called for on that point, seeing that Mr. Macrae has been sufficiently rebuked by the Chancellor. But I would say that we came here not to declare ourselves Ritualists or Evangelicals, but to discuss a practical question. I think any

person who wishes the Church well should avoid this spirit, because if we are going to range ourselves in two camps, one of which shall be Ritualists and the other Evangelicals, we will never get out of our financial difficulties, but will be more likely to get deeper into trouble. So, if Mr. Macrae is so constant an attendant at church, as he wishes by comparison to make himself appear to be, he is doing the Church he professes to wish well a very bad service indeed. I don't wish to make this matter personal, but it has been alleged that it is only within a few days I have had a seat in the Cathedral. If he looks back he will find I was a pew-holder in the Cathedral before. I do not like to talk of what I have done for the Cathedral—in fact I have done very little for it—but I was a contributor towards the building of it, and I don't think it altogether out of place in me to speak on this financial matter. I have been also accused of an attack upon Canon Balch. It turns out that Mr. Loosemore is a Ritualist, and that though he may be a very good man, so may a Roman Catholic priest, or in other words that Mr. Loosemore and a Catholic priest are very much the same. I think Mr. Loosemore's position in the church has been fully vindicated by the Chancellor, when he told us that all that had been done in the Cathedral had the full and hearty concurrence of the Dean. I have no intention of attacking Canon Balch; I am not here with the intention of attacking anybody at all. We came to see right and justice done in the premises. I did not really know what was to be done here; that was all kept carefully secret. I have, therefore, not come to attack any body, but merely to examine these accounts, and the amendment now before the chair is that time be given to investigate them. With regard to this paper, Mr. Macrae says it is a mere piece of paper. But a contract is a piece of paper. He tells us it was an unwarrantable act on the part of the Dean to write it. We had the Bishop's testimony called in question, and now we have got the Dean's testimony questioned.

MR. MACRAE.—I did not call the Dean's testimony in question. The corporation of Christ Church Cathedral is as Mr. Ramsay knows, or, as a Lawyer he ought to know, comprised of the Rector and the Church Wardens. Now, I say this document was

not signed by the Church Wardens and was never ratified by them, and therefore is not binding on the congregation.

Mr. RAMSAY.—All I say is we have got the Dean's authority. The Dean tells us one thing and Mr. Macrae another.

Mr. MACRAE.—No, I don't.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the Church Wardens had sanctioned the general terms of the agreement, but were not aware of the particulars.

Mr. RAMSAY.—It was very well understood. The Dean says it was a bargain on behalf of the Church Wardens. I believe what the Dean did was not unauthorized at the time. I believe his letter rather than the recollection of the Church Wardens three or four years afterwards. I do not believe the Dean wrote this letter without perfectly knowing what he was doing, and that he was not exceeding his powers. I merely make these observations in answer to the remarks of Mr. Macrae, and will now say a word or two with regard to the subject of the amendment. What we ask in this amendment is that we shall be allowed a month's time to see whether it is really necessary to do what Mr. Bethune admits he is most reluctant to do. From the statement made by Mr. Simpson it appears that it is owing to some extraordinary expenses that we are now in difficulty. If so, if these expenses will not have to be met yearly, the difficulty can surely be got over. The amount is a block sum, and we can decide whether we can face it or not. If we are \$11,000 in debt, it is not by reducing one salary a few hundred dollars, and cutting the Dean's salary down by \$200 that it will be met.

Mr. THOMAS SIMPSON.—We will save \$2,000 a year by the proposed reductions.

Mr. RAMSAY.—Even at that rate it will take six years to clear off the debt. We learn now for the first time that there was a miscalculation with regard to the subscriptions to pay off the debt which existed some years ago upon the Cathedral. But you ought not to expect to pay off this amount of debt out of ordinary

Will any body say that two first-class clergymen are too many for the Cathedral of Montreal? We are told that the Cathedral is going to the wall, that the services must be limited

and a young man put in the place of a first-class clergyman, and all because we have a debt of \$11,000 on \$50,000 worth of property. I don't think any one can seriously believe that it is the intention of the Vestry to concur in that. I shall continue to remain under the impression that it is not a financial difficulty that is at the bottom of this movement, but that some under-hand motive is at work, only expressed by Mr. Macrae. A month is a very short time to give for the consideration. We are asked to decide on a question of most important changes in the Cathedral, upon a moment's notice. The financial difficulty is not one that we cannot get over. If an adjournment of a month is refused, it will be believed outside that the whole of this thing has been done to get rid of Canon Loosemore, and the previous similar case will be put forward as an example of the same spirit, and in the face of a Roman Catholic population, such examples will bring the church into disrepute. Mr. Macrae chooses to say I am not a very ardent supporter of the church; but I have a sufficient regard for its interests not to wish it to go abroad in the face of a Roman Catholic people that the Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral were frightened at a debt of \$11,000 in half-an-hour.

MR. HUNTINGTON.—I speak only for myself; I have an unfortunate habit of blurting out all I have to say upon any question. I can relieve Mr. Ramsay from some portion of the misapprehension which he fears some gentlemen are under with regard to the motive which prompted this resolution. After hearing read these letters from the Bishop, and the correspondence and the proceedings before the Select Vestry; after hearing all the facts that have been presented to us to-day, I don't believe any one can say that it is only a question of figures that is before us. Speaking for myself only, I believe there is something beyond and above, at all events beyond the mere question of figures. It is idle to pretend there is no difficulty in the Cathedral. It is idle to come here to-day and, while some of us are threatening to leave the Cathedral because of dissensions, pretend that there are no dissensions, and that our whole trouble is one of figures. I go with Mr. Ramsay, whose piety is as great, at any rate, as my own, (laughter), and say that we can get over any mere financial difficulty we may be in. But I believe

there is an insuperable difficulty in the organization of the Cathedral staff at this moment which can never be overcome. (Hear, hear). I fully concur in all that has been said by Mr. Bethune and Mr. Macrae in respect to their indisposition to say a word against Canon Loosemore. But there are occasions when men who have responsibilities must speak and speak plainly. For myself, let no man be committed by my declarations; let that be clearly understood. I feel it to be my duty to Mr. Ramsay and to myself to say that I wish first of all to remove the financial difficulties, and secondly to silence scandal, a scandal so gross that, as I said before, it is idle to come here and pretend it does not exist.

A VOICE.—Specify what it is.

Mr. HUNTINGTON.—I am not here to make specifications. If there be in the Cathedral any man so simple, so child-like, so unaffected by outward signs, that he does not know difficulty exists in the Cathedral, I think he is fit for the kingdom of heaven, (Loud laughter). Sir, I repeat that my special reason for proposing this motion was to get rid of this difficulty.

SEVERAL VOICES.—We know nothing about it.

Mr. HUNTINGTON.—Then I would recommend these gentlemen who state that there is no difficulty to make a motion to that effect. The difficulties are so painful, so disgraceful, that they cannot be overlooked. We are not here to try Canon Loosemore; it would be disgraceful for us to discuss that question; but don't let us pretend we are not actually brought here by this unmitigated evil which has existed for nearly two years. Now I have done. I simply rose to state what I believe to be the truth. It is not alone a financial question with which we have to deal; we cannot live in perpetual quarrel; one of the Canons must go. Mr. Bethune pointed out some of the reasons why Canon Balch should stay. Mr. Ramsay has pointed out reasons why the other gentleman should be retained. I presume I shall not go too far when I state that there is no man in this room—or very few if any—who did not come here knowing distinctly that the difficulty was a difficulty arising between the assistants which they would deal with by voting in the interest of one or the other.

Mr. FRED. MACKENZIE wished to offer a few remarks. He con-

sidered that the difficulty between the two Canons was not irreconcilable, as had been stated.

Mr. HUNTINGTON.—I did not say the difference between the two Canons was irreconcilable, but that the difference in the Cathedral was.

Mr. MACKENZIE.—I understood you to refer to the two Canons. It appears to me that there is, perhaps, more bitter feeling among others than between the two gentlemen themselves. The differences in the Cathedral have, I think, been very much exaggerated. Mr. Macrae, for instance, makes Mr. Loosemore out to be a Ritualist, and in other respects the Cathedral difficulties have been exaggerated. So also the differences between the two clergymen have been very much exaggerated. We never heard of these differences a few months ago. Some gentlemen have busied themselves in the matter, and created a scandal by talking about in town.

Mr. MACRAE.—And writing in the newspapers.

Mr. MACKENZIE.—These gentlemen bring a vague charge against Canon Loosemore; they do not condescend to mention a single particular.

Mr. HUNTINGTON.—I should be very sorry to have Mr. Mackenzie think that we have made any charge against Canon Loosemore. I state a fact that there is an irreconcilable difficulty in the Cathedral. Mr. Mackenzie says it is not so. I am astonished to hear it, but perhaps I was mistaken. As far as Mr. Mackenzie's testimony goes, I wish it to be distinctly understood that he comes here and tells us that there really was not much trouble after all.

Mr. MACKENZIE.—I don't deny there has been differences between these clergymen, but I do maintain that two clergymen of the Church of England can surely be reconciled. I think it would be a noble thing if these two men would reconcile their differences. I think it would be a disgrace to our Church if the differences between two of her clergymen cannot be reconciled. Mr. Macrae has tried to make us all out to be party men. I am, perhaps, as Low Church as Mr. Macrae and as far from being a Ritualist, and I say that it is not right that Mr. Loosemore should be removed for no good reason.

Mr. MACRAE.—Mr. Mackenzie says I wish to make him out a party man. That is a mistake. I say that there are two parties, and this is a party question; I cannot help that; but it is a fact. And if any man has declared himself a party man it is that same gentleman who wrote in the newspapers. (Cheers and laughter.)

Mr. MACKENZIE.—I never wrote anything in the newspapers about ritualism.

Mr. MACRAE.—You wrote about Dr. Balch, though.

Mr. MACKENZIE again rose to speak.

The CHAIRMAN asked for order, and said he must put a stop to this crimination and recrimination.

Mr. CHAS. GEDDES.—I have been a member of Christ Church Cathedral, and I have a right to express my opinion. I am surprised beyond measure to hear Mr. Macrae state that there are two parties in the Cathedral—the Ritualists and the Low Church party. I deny it. The word ritualist was used. I have but one remark to make and it is this. I have never been able to find in the doctrines of the Church of England that we should do evil that good may come. (Hear, hear.) We are told here this afternoon that the method of getting out of our difficulties is to dispense with the service of Canon Loosemore, whose engagement was made long before Dr. Balch came to the place. Moreover, if there be one of two who has to be got rid of, you must go back and see how the second one was engaged. If the finances of the Church are not sufficient to cover the salary of two clergymen, pray tell me who should go. If you mean to lay right and justice aside, and say you will take this or that man, then it may be done; but if not, then, I maintain, Canon Loosemore must be retained.

Mr. G. W. SIMPSON.—I wish to say a few words with regard to Mr. Huntington's motion. Mr. Bethune asserts that the resolution proposed by Mr. Huntington deals only with the simple question of finance, but Mr. Huntington would have it cover a great deal more. He says it is a personal question that we have to deal with, arising out of unhappy dissensions between those two clergymen. Mr. Macrae talks a great deal about that, and carries us back to the meeting of Synod for the election of a bishop. What has that to do with the matter? He talks of the manner in

which the services in the Cathedral are performed ; but everything that has been done in that respect has been done, as Mr. Bethune has told us, with the full concurrence of the Dean. What have we to do with Mr. Loosemore's conduct in the Synod ? He acted there according to his conscience, and his action has been supported by the Synod. The point I wish particularly to call attention to is that Mr. Bethune seems to think that in adopting the resolution proposed by Mr. Huntington we are dealing simply with a question of finance ; but Mr. Huntington says it is not a question of finance alone, but a question of dissensions, and he throws the whole blame of these dissensions upon Mr. Loosemore, and therefore casts imputations upon his character. Four days ago I spoke to Mr. Loosemore. I told him I had heard of these rumours, and asked him if he was sure that he had not in any way promoted these dissensions. He assured me upon his honour as a gentleman and a clergyman that he had never done anything in the way of raising a quarrel with Dr. Balch. I asked how came this unhappy state of affairs about. He said he had seen his former colleague, Mr. White, compelled to leave Montreal against his will through having given his confidence unadvisedly ; and he was determined to hold no communications involving confidence other than those required by his duties. And because he would not give his confidence—

MR. WOOD.—This is really outrageous. I cannot sit here and allow such personalities.

MR. G. W. SIMPSON.—I am speaking to the question. Can any one point to a single case in which Mr. Loosemore has failed to do his duty ?

MR. J. J. BROWNE.—I can.

MR. BETHUNE.—I rise to a point of order. I prophesied that we were drifting into this. I call upon you as Chairman to stop it ; I suppose if this goes on the next thing we will be giving each other the lie. I think we had better cease these personalities.

THE CHAIRMAN.—I think I have given to every speaker the widest latitude allowable ; and I appeal to the gentlemen who speak to confine themselves to the question, and avoid personalities.

Mr. G. W. SIMPSON.—I am dealing strictly with the question.

The CHAIRMAN.—There were certain insinuations thrown out that had better have been avoided.

Mr. G. W. SIMPSON.—I threw out no insinuations.

The CHAIRMAN.—Perhaps you think so; but in my judgment you have; and if you have anything further to say speak to the question, and avoid personalities.

Mr. G. W. SIMPSON.—Mr. Loosemore has been distinctly charged in the report that has been read, with being the cause of these dissensions, and with disobedience to the Bishop. The Bishop himself has denied that he was guilty of disobedience.

The CHAIRMAN.—Then that point is disposed of, and we had better let it alone.

Mr. G. W. SIMPSON.—I say that Mr. Loosemore was not the cause of these dissensions any more than he was guilty of disobedience; and I challenge any one to say that he was the cause. He assured me himself upon his honour that he never in any way whatever quarrelled with his colleague or gave rise to any ground of dissension. I wish to say no more, and this much ought to be said in justice to his character, for it is a question of character. (Cries of "question" and "vote.")

The CHAIRMAN.—Mr. Loosemore is not on his trial here, neither is the other clergyman. These painful personalities must cease. If there are two sides here, I have given them both extreme latitude.

Mr. DAWSON.—I would like to ask the Chairman if the good offices of the Bishop have been called in to allay these dissensions.

The CHAIRMAN.—I know very little about the matter. I supposed the Dean would be here to-day to preside, but in his absence I have been called upon to fill his shoes, a position to which I certainly never aspired. And I do think that I ought not to be appealed to about these things, of which I know so little, and which I could not be expected to know.

Mr. S. E. DAWSON.—The question might be answered by the Church Wardens.

Mr. THOS. SIMPSON said he could answer the question. No reconciliation had been effected by the Bishop's good offices. He (Mr.

S.) was now pained to answer Mr. Dawson's question, which was that he had known Canon Loosemore for five years, and Dr. Balch for three years and a-half, and his decided opinion was that a reconciliation could not be effected. (Vote, vote.)

The CHAIRMAN read the amendment and put it to the meeting. Several gentlemen asked that the names be taken.

Col. MARTINDALE said if the names were to be taken he would like to state his own views.

The CHAIRMAN said it was too late for that, now that the amendment had been put from the Chair.

The vote was then taken, and stood ; for the amendment, 33 ; against 56. The amendment was therefore declared lost.

Mr. S. E. DAWSON, moved another amendment :—

Inasmuch as by the statement of the Church Wardens, it appears that the funds of the Cathedral are insufficient to continue the stipends heretofore paid to the two assistant Ministers, that the sum available for their remuneration (to wit \$2,400) be be equally divided between them.

Lost by 51 votes against 33.

Mr. JOEL BAKER seconded the amendment. He said the position in which they were placed was a most painful one ; and if there was any possibility of their getting over the question without following the painful course marked out by Mr. Huntington's motions, he would be very glad to have that course pointed out and to follow it. He believed the difficulties had been magnified. He had been a pretty constant attendant at the Cathedral, and he had never heard of any serious difficulty till within the last few weeks. Personally he had very great regard for both these gentlemen ; they were both personal friends of his. He had always been an admirer of the Rev. Dr. Balch, for his eloquence, and for what he had done for the Church he would never cease to feel grateful. Mr. Ramsay had stated very truly that if it were decided that the difficulty must be got over some way would be found to do so. Mr. Kerry had made a statement, which surprised him very much—that the uncollected pew rents had been taken off the liabilities, reducing thereby that amount, and then added again as a source of coming revenue. I attach no blame to any of the Church

Wardens; I don't believe for one moment that they would be guilty of making an intentional mis-statement in order to show that they were in a position to take on Dr. Balch as a permanent assistant in the Cathedral. But it is certainly an extraordinary thing, and shows a degree of looseness scarcely credible. For this reason, I would have been very glad had a months time been given in order that we might have seen if we could afford to keep both the clergymen. For my own part, when I see Trinity Church in a poor part of the city, by no means so wealthy as ours, supporting two first class men; and St. George's Church also, supporting two first-class men, I say that for this Cathedral congregation, supposed to be *par excellence* the congregation of our Church in the city, the Church in which daily services are held, to come down to one clergyman, would be a shame and a disgrace.

Mr. SIMPSON.—The report recommends two.

Mr. BAKER.—But not two first-class men, such as they have both at Trinity and St. George's. He believed that with the aid of the Bishop, and the advice of mutual friends, these difficulties might be got over and great scandal avoided. In order, therefore, that an opportunity might be afforded for this, he had great pleasure in seconding the amendment. As he understood the report, it showed that they had at least £600 for stipends, and he believed that the clergymen would both be willing to receive smaller salaries for a time. He, therefore, trusted the amendment would carry, and he believed if it did the difficulties could be amicably settled, and they would be saved the disgrace of public scandal.

Mr. THOS. SIMPSON explained how the error that had been pointed out arose. We had most unfortunately an inebriate vestry clerk, and I could not get a statement of the accounts from him until within a few minutes of the meeting. The accounts had, therefore, to be made up hastily, and unintentionally \$1,498 was credited to assets, though it had before been calculated as a set off against liabilities. Then with reference to the reflections cast upon the Church Wardens by Mr. Hall, who very foolishly seconded the amendment. I repeat the word foolishly (order, order) for the very accounts to which he takes exception were audited by himself.

(Cheers and laughter). The documents will speak for themselves. In bringing these accusations against the Church Wardens these gentlemen are speaking of what they really know very little about.

Mr. BAKER.—In justice to myself, I beg to be allowed to disclaim any idea of charging the Church Wardens with intentional misrepresentation.

The amendment was then put by the Chairman, and lost ; for, 36 ; against, 51.

Mr. RAMSAY rose to move another amendment, one which he thought would commend itself to the good judgment of the whole meeting, and which cast no reflection upon either of the assistant ministers. He thought that Mr. Bethune in particular would have to vote for it in preference to Mr. Huntington's resolution, because it exactly covered the ground of his remarks. Mr. Huntington's motion did cast a reflection upon Mr. Loosmore, and in addition they had his own interpretation of the motion which showed that the dissensions in the Church was the question, and that he considered the finances a paltry matter. His amendment was that it be resolved by this meeting that both of the Canons be retained at their present stipends. He had been urged to make this amendment by one or two gentlemen on the other side and he hoped it would be carried unanimously.

Mr. SANBORN seconded the amendment. He believed that the money difficulty was a very paltry affair, and could be easily got over if the people would only put their hands in their pockets. (Laughter). He was very sorry that the meeting had departed from the only question that was before them—the financial question—and brought up a personal matter. He was sure that no one present had ever heard either of the assistant clergymen make any complaints the one of the other. That being the case he took it for granted that they themselves thought the difficulties could be got over in time. Seeing the mistakes that had been in the reports in past years, it should not be required of them to take this report of the finances as correct without any examination.

Mr. THOS. SIMPSON.—You yourself were one of the auditors.

Mr. SANBORN said he would explain that. All they had to

examine was the receipts and expenditures, and see if the amounts in the accounts correspond with the amounts in the books. But it was no part of their duty to see whether the estimates which the Church Wardens submitted were correct. Each year there was about the same surplus in the estimates and the same deficiency in the actual revenue, and so it went on, till now they were told that the debt was \$11,000, and that they must discharge one of the clergymen. Were they going to starve their souls to save their pockets? Of course, if they were extravagant, they should do as any private individual would do under similar circumstances, reduce their expenses, and perhaps discharge some of their servants. But he did not admit that they were extravagant, or that the staff of the Cathedral was too large, or the salaries too high. He did not admit that they were extravagant either as to numbers or as to expenses, or extravagant as to talent. (Loud laughter.) What he meant, of course, was that the Cathedral ought to have men of the talents of those they now had—that is, first-class men. He would, therefore, cheerfully second the amendment, and he thought if it was carried they would find means hereafter to get over their difficulties.

The amendment was then put. Thirty gentlemen voted for it, and it was declared lost, without taking the names of the nays.

Mr. RAMSAY rose, amid loud cries of "motion," to move that this Vestry do now adjourn. (No, no.)

Mr. HUNTINGTON would like to know what was the object of the adjournment. He considered it was the same that was attempted by the former amendment.

The motion to adjourn was put and lost.

Col. MARTINDALE.—I would like to say a few words before the resolution is put. I came to this room perfectly unprejudiced. I have not been very long connected with the Cathedral, and did not know much of what was going on. I did not really know before I came here to-day what the issue really was. That issue is this, if I understand it right now: That this Vestry by adopting the resolution of Mr. Huntington practically recommend, as the advice of the congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, the Dean to remove Canon Loosemore. That is included in the

recommendation to retain Dr. Balch here. Whether that be right or wrong, I do not say; but two things appear to me in the course of this discussion. One is that there certainly were discrepancies in the accounts which should be cleared up before the Vestry passed so serious a resolution as to advise the Dean to remove a clergyman in order that they might make the accounts balance. The second point is that it appears to me to be a matter of intense gravity to recommend to the Dean to dispense with the services of a clergyman on the ground of an alleged irreconcilable difficulty in the Church; and, I think, in view of that fact it was a most moderate proposal to make to the Vestry that we should adjourn for one month, in order that we might seriously consider, with all solemnity—for it is a solemn matter—what steps to take; in order that we might see, first, if there was any possibility that these unhappy differences might be made up—and I have heard nothing to lead me to think that they could not be made up;—and secondly, if it is a money question, to see if in a city of the enormous wealth of Montreal sufficient money could not be raised to meet all our wants. It appeared to me, therefore, that the proposal to adjourn for one month was so reasonable that it decided me to vote for it, and must equally decide me now to vote against the resolution. (Cheers).

Mr. HUNTINGTON.—I desire to say one or two words in explanation. I should be very sorry to have Col. Martindale under the impression that the expression I used in the heat of debate applied to himself. I regret that I used the expression, but what I meant was that gentlemen long connected with the Cathedral, who sit there Sunday after Sunday, and yet deny that there are any difficulties, must be very simple gentlemen. I did not intend to apply the remark to gentlemen who, like our friend, Col. Martindale, have recently become connected with the Cathedral, and who must feel a degree of disgust at the situation. One word with respect to Mr. Ramsay's attempt to place me in antagonism to my friend, the Chancellor. The Chancellor stated one difficulty—the financial difficulty; I stated another difficulty, and I was surprised to find that gentlemen who have long attended the Cathedral had never heard of this difficulty. I begin to think it was something

that had only been whispered to my ears (laughter), if it is true, as Mr. Mackenzie tells us, that there is no difficulty—

Mr. MACKENZIE.—I beg your pardon.

Mr. HUNTINGTON.—I felt sure that Mr. Mackenzie would think his statement sounded bad when I came to repeat it. And I say it is not fair for gentlemen to come here and dispute a fact which is so well known. It would be most unjust, ungentlemanly, unchristian in me to rise here and make assertions of this kind that were not true; and these things being true, it is not creditable for gentlemen to deny them, or refuse to hear them spoken of. I carefully abstained from making any reference which would lead you to know why I preferred Dr. Balch to Mr. Loosemore. We are in no way responsible for the disagreeable issue that has been forced upon us. I believe the Church Wardens have been unfairly attacked here by gentlemen who know nothing about figures, and who have made out no case whatever. I believe, even my friend who spoke last, went too far in hinting that the figures submitted by the Church Wardens were open to suspicion. Nothing of that kind has been proved, and these general accusations are unjust. While the financial question is important, I would be unjust to myself if I allowed this discussion to close without stating to the meeting that one of the motives we had was to stay dissensions. So far I think we may congratulate ourselves upon the tone of the discussion. It was whispered to me before I came here that we were going to have a terrible meeting. Mr. So-and-so was going to be here. (Laughter.) Well, So-and-so has been here (renewed laughter), and has shewn himself to be a good christian; and I hope we will leave here feeling that, however we may have differed as to the means, we have all had the good of the Church in view, and have got on very well indeed. I repeat again that the chief motive that induced me to come here was because I wanted to see those unhappy dissensions removed, and that the difficulties of the past might not extend to still greater difficulties in the future. I thank you all, gentlemen, for the attention with which you have listened to me; and I feel that we have got through with our business without any great exhibition of combustibility. (Cheers).

Mr. KERRY wished to offer a word of explanation. I had no

intention of bringing a charge against the present Church Wardens. I did not raise any doubt as to the correctness of the statements of the actual expenditure of any one year, for which the Auditors had all the vouchers, but I objected, and with great reason, to the repeated over-estimates of the revenue for the following years. There is not a single year that the Church Wardens did not over-estimate the revenue for the next year by from \$1000 to \$1500.

Mr. Huntington's resolution was then put, and the yeas and nays being called, the resolution was carried on the following vote : For the motion, 56 ; against, 28.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to the Chairman for the ability and impartiality with which he had presided, and the meeting adjourned.

LIABILITIES, NOVEMBER, 1869.

John Date.....	\$518.77
Evans Bros.....	1,478.72
Thos. Musson.....	13.07
John Lovell.....	51.76
G. W. Reed.....	50.74
S. R. Warren & Co.....	35.00
Gault Bros. & Co.....	55.70
Henry Grant.....	90.00
W. R. Tabb.....	2.89
Henry Prince.....	6.00
Dawson Bros.....	7.85
Church Home, W. Edmonstone.....	201.63
Corporation.....	652.45
Corporation Interest on Arrears.....	38.00
T. B. Anderson, amount loaned by him from the Building Fund to pay special street assess.....	1,500.00
Penny, Wilson & Co.....	2.24
Wilson, Patterson & Co.....	863.03
Church Home Water Works.....	22.10
H. Willison.....	2.30
John Swanston, amount loaned by him to meet a note of Church-wardens wanted to pay stipends.....	625.00
Very Rev. the Dean.....	210.96
Canon Loosmore.....	865.50
Canon Balch.....	633.33
George Carter.....	493.91
Collection for Sunday School.....	31.49
Gibb, Hunter & Doucet.....	7.00
Geo. Armstrong.....	8.50
J. Date, new furnace, &c.....	200.00
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	\$8,667.94

CATHEDRAL DEBT FUND.

Bonds remaining due by Parochial Association of Mon- treal, transferred by I. J. Gibb, 2 bonds of £125 and £250.....	\$1,000.00
(Interest paid to 1st July, 1869.)	
The late Lord Bishop Fulford, 4 bonds of £250 each, £1,000.....	4,000.00
(Interest paid to 1st July, 1869.)	
Estate of John Tiffa, 1 bond of £200.....	800.00
(Interest paid to 14th November, 1868.)	
Mortgage to heirs Philips, £2,172.....	8,700.00
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Amount remaining due exclusive of interest.....	\$14,500.00
Promisory Notes on hand.....	11,343.00
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	\$3,157.00

Balance at Savings Bank of the Bank of Montreal, Bank Book No. 1374.....	\$2,303.54
Amount advanced to the Church-wardens the 29th December, 1866, by vote of Committee.....	\$1,800.00
Less paid on account to 19th May, 1868.....	300.00
	<u>1,000.00</u>

NOTES ON HAND NOT MATURED.

Rev. R. P. W. Balch, due 4th Dec., 1869.....	\$200.00
W. R. Mussen, due 4th December, 1869.....	20.00
	<u>220.00</u>

Hugh Clark,	} due, 5th January, 1870....	\$70.00
Jos. T. Clayton,		
Charles H. Davies,		
Thomas Mussen, due 13th Feb., 1870.....	200.00	
John Swanston, " " " ".....	100.00	
Reuben Taylor, " " " ".....	400.00	
Lucy Simpson, " " " ".....	100.00	
Henry H. Mussen, " " " ".....	20.00	
E. E. Shelton, " " " ".....	100.00	
M. H. Gault, " " " ".....	60.00	
E. M. Hopkins, " " " ".....	200.00	
Henry Thomas, " " " ".....	400.00	
Walter Phillips, " 5th Jan. ".....	40.00	
Henry Mussen, " 30th April ".....	40.00	
J. Campbell, " 15th " ".....	20.00	
A. R. Bethune, " 15th " ".....	20.00	
John Lowe, " 23rd May ".....	20.00	
Stanley C. Bagg, " 4th June ".....	200.00	
Hugh Clark, " 4th July ".....	50.00	
Thomas Tooke " 4th Oct. ".....	10.00	
M. H. Gault " 12th " ".....	20.00	
Rev. L. P. W. Balch " 4th Dec. ".....	200.00	
Wm. H. Mussen " 4th " ".....	20.00	
L. H. Davidson " 12th Jan. ".....	20.00	
	<u>2,310.00</u>	

Hugh Clark,	} due, 5th Jan., 1871.....	70.00
Jos. T. Clayton,		
Chas. H. Davies,		
R. Taylor " 2nd " ".....	100.00	
H. H. Mussen, " 9th " ".....	20.00	
Lucy Simpson, " 10th " ".....	100.00	
L. H. Davidson, " 12th " ".....	20.00	
Henry Thomas, " 12th Feb., ".....	400.00	
E. M. Hopkin, " " " ".....	200.00	
M. H. Gault, " " " ".....	60.00	
J. Swanston " " " ".....	100.00	
A. R. Bethune, " 15th April, ".....	20.00	
J. Campbell, " 15th " ".....	20.00	
S. C. Bagg " 4th June, ".....	200.00	

Henry Mussen,	due 30th April, 1871.....	\$100.00	
Hugh Clark,	" 4th July, "	50.00	
E. Lusher,	" 8th Dec., "	100.00	
J. H. Routh,	" 8th " "	100.00	
			\$1,660.00
R. Taylor,	due 8th Jan., 1872.....	100.00	
M. H. Gault,	" 14th Feb., "	60.00	
Jno. Swanston,	" 14th " "	100.00	
Henry Thomas,	" 14th " "	400.00	
E. M. Hopkins,	" 14th " "	300.00	
J. Campbell,	" 15th April, "	20.00	
A. R. Bethune	" 15th " "	20.00	
H. Clark,	" 4th July, "	50.00	
			950.00
Henry Thomas,	due 18th Feb., 1873.....	400.00	
Jno. Swanston,	" 13th " "	100.00	
E. M. Hopkins,	" 13th " "	200.00	
M. H. Gault,	" 13th " "	60.00	
			760.00
Henry Thomas,	due 13th Feb., 1874.....	400.00	
Jno. Swanston,	" 13th " "	100.00	
E. M. Hopkins,	" 13th " "	200.00	
M. H. Gault,	" 13th " "	60.00	
			760.00

NOTES OVERDUE NOT PAID.

Charles Geddes.....	\$100.00
Hugh S. Clark.....	50.00
H. Clark, Jos. T. Clayton and C. H. Davies.....	70.00
Richard Eaton.....	150.00
John Low.....	20.00
John Honey.....	100.00
J. O. Moffatt.....	100.00
J. Campbell.....	40.00
A. R. Bethune.....	20.00
John Dyde.....	20.00
Jno. F. McMillan.....	100.00
	830.00
Total.....	\$11,343.54

DEAR LAMBE,

In reply to your note of the 18th instant, I should say, that the total costs that the Cathedral will be subject to in defending the case of Wardle, now before the Privy Council, even should we eventually succeed, will be about \$1,500 currency. Should the judgment, unfortunately, go against the Cathedral, it is impossible to give you even a rough estimate of what we should have to pay altogether, inasmuch as Wardle seeks to recover, not only the apparent balance to which our courts toned down his claim (subject to our plea of compensation of \$30,000 damages,) but a consider-

ably larger sum. There would also be the taxable costs to add, probably, in all the Courts, although it is possible (in consequence of our success in the Courts below) that the Privy Council would limit the cost to those in the Privy Council. This they often do under like circumstances. I have been unable to ascertain the names of the sureties, on the appeal to the Queen's Bench here and to the Privy Council, but I know they are quite sufficient. Of course the Bonds are for costs only, as Wardle was the plaintiff, and his action was simply dismissed on our plea of compensation.

The \$1,500, you understand, represent costs over and above those that are taxable, and the amount we may thus pay will be a dead loss, whether we win or lose.

Yours truly,

STRACHAN BETHUNE.

ESTIMATE OF WORK TO BE DONE IN THE CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL.

5 Spaces of the stained glass window in chancel to have winter sashes.....	\$80.00
6 Small stained glass windows on each side of chancel to have winter sashes.....	50.00
2 Valleys of Roof to be covered with No. 26 galvanized iron and slates repaired.....	40.00
Taking down three arches and rebuilding them.....	150.00
Repairing plaster and pointing up cracks.....	60.00
Painting, plastering, around the walls of building, from top line of pews to the underside of window sill.....	160.00
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	\$540.00

Showing that the work will be five hundred and forty dollars. But, at the same time would call attention to the repairs required externally, and would recommend that a mason be employed by the day as the best way of having the work well done and as economically as possible.

JOHN JAMES BROWNE,
Architect.

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I certify that the foregoing is a correct *verbatim* report of the proceedings and debate at the General Vestry Meeting of the Congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, held on the 6th December last, transcribed from short hand notes taken by me on that occasion:

S. HUTCHINSON,
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